

Miata Sounder



THE FIRST OFFICIAL UNITED STATES MIATA CLUB

January 2013

THIRD THURSDAY CRUISE-IN

Thurs. Feb. 21, 2013, 6:00 PM until ???

Billy Baroo's Bar & Grill at Foster Golf Links
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Eat-n-greet and socializing; no car show (other than a neat row of parked Miatas,) no competition (other than old-time "bench racing,") no business, no road run, etc. PSMC hosts: Dee Dahlke & Duncan Johnson, phone 253-845-2424, e-mail toadhallwa@yahoo.com Drop-ins encouraged, RSVP would be nice for headcount, but "Just do it!" Open to all Mazda Miata/MX-5 enthusiasts. You don't have to be a PSMC member to attend.

In the event of snow or ice that night, just stay home.

If this event succeeds we'll repeat on the third Thursday of every month during the off-season. Someone may also spread it to other locations in Puget Sound Area.

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Southbound 1-5
From Exit 156

When reaching the end of the exit take a left onto Interurban Avenue S. Foster Golf Links will be on the left hand side just past the Park & Ride.

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From Exit 156 / 599 Tukwila

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Red Wine and Chocolates!!!

Feb. 16th in Woodinville

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2013 Anniversary Party

Saturday March 2nd @ 6:00 p.m.

Fabulous Fifties in Tacoma

Sponsored by PSMC BOD

253-333-7442

The deadline for pre-registration is February 15. Because this venue needs an accurate head count, we will need to know exactly how many people plan to attend this premiere event in advance.

Twenty-three years ago some forward-thinking Miata owners decided to incorporate the first Miata club in the United States. We have proudly held onto those bragging rights through many ups and downs over the years, and occasionally, it's fun to get together and celebrate our long and colored history. The club actually chartered in December, 1989 and was just a few days ahead of another Miata club. But it was enough to get us the distinction.

We used to celebrate the anniversary in December, but because of issues finding available venues and competing with family get-togethers and Christmas parties, we've moved the party to a new date that may work for more people. We hope by the time this year's party rolls around, you will have those holiday bills paid off, you will have weathered the winter storms, and you will be ready to dust off the Miata and get out for a drive to our 2013 Anniversary Party.

We're having it on March 2, starting with cocktails at 6 p.m. followed by dinner around 7 p.m. at the [Fabulous Fifties Meeting Hall](#), 455 St. Helens Ave., Tacoma, WA.

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Event Masters are encouraged to get their event info to the editor as soon as possible to ensure all members can plan for the event.

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Winter Board Meeting and planning session

The Puget Sound Miata Club BOD met last weekend and finalized the calendar of events for the coming year. There are still some details to be worked out, but it is as complete as we can make it right now. The club website is being kept up to date and should be the first place you go for the very latest information. Also be aware that if you RSVP for a club event, it provides a very easy way for the event sponsors to contact you via email with any last minute changes.

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If you've never heard of the Fabulous Fifties Meeting Hall, it will be a special treat for our club. The venue features a car-themed hall for the dinner, pre-selected music from the 50's, 60's, and 70's and a fifties-style soda fountain that actually serves as the bar.

The cost for this event is \$25 per person and includes one drink ticket per person for a cocktail or soda; and one raffle ticket per person for a chance to win fabulous car-themed prizes. As usual, we'll have additional raffle tickets and a few other PSMC goodies for sale for an additional cost. If you have attended a PSMC event recently, then you are probably aware of some of the terrific and unusual prizes that we've given away in the past. This time is no exception; a [GoPro](#) Camera and a [Kindle Fire](#) are just two of the \$1000 worth of prizes that could go home with you!

Dinner will include your choice of chef-

carved roast prime rib, herb-baked salmon or a vegetarian entree. This dinner comes with a Caesar salad, baked potato with butter, sour cream, chives, and real bacon bits served on the side so you can dress it yourself, fresh steamed vegetables, and fresh hot rolls.

The deadline for pre-registration is February 15. Because this venue needs an accurate head count, we will need to know exactly how many people plan to attend this premiere event in advance. We will pre-order a few extra dinners, but if you don't pre-register and specify, then unfortunately, we cannot guarantee a dinner for you.

Directions to the Fabulous Fifties Meeting Hall: From I-5, take Exit 133 toward City Center (Tacoma) and merge onto I-705 North. Turn Right onto South Stadium Way. Take the first left onto S. 4th St. then take the third left onto St. Helens Ave. The venue will be on your left.



Upcoming Events — Something for Everyone!

(The year at a glance — check website or future Sounders for updates)

January

- 12 PMSC BOD Meeting @ Villa Nuevo in Mill Creek
- 17 3rd Thursday Cruise-In Social @ Billy Baroo's Bar and Grill in Tukwila, 6:00 p.m.

February

- 16 Red Wine and Chocolate in Woodinville, details TBD
- 21 3rd Thursday Cruise-In Social @ Billy Baroo's Bar and Grill in Tukwila, 6:00 p.m.

March

- 2 2013 Anniversary Party @ Fabulous Fifties in Tacoma, 6:00 p.m.
- 21 3rd Thursday Cruise-In Social @ Billy Baroo's Bar and Grill in Tukwila, 6:00 p.m.

April

- 6 PMSC BOD and Nomination Meeting @ Milam Motors in Puyallup, 11:00 a.m.
- 13 New Members Appreciation Drive @ Azteca in Redmond, 11:00 a.m.
- 18 3rd Thursday Cruise-In Social @ Billy Baroo's Bar and Grill in Tukwila, 6:00 p.m.
- 20 MG Car Club Tulip Rallye in La Conner, 8:30 a.m.

May

- 3 First Friday Formal, Details TBD
- 11 Detailing Day!! Details TBD
- 16 3rd Thursday Cruise-In Social @ Billy Baroo's Bar and Grill in Tukwila, 6:00 p.m.
- 18 Viking Fest Parade
- 24-26 Okanagan Valley Miata Club Topless Sun Run in Canada

June

- 8 PSMC BOD and Officer Installation Meeting @ Millars in Mill Creek, 11:00 a.m.
- 20 "Special!" 3rd Thursday Cruise-In Social @ Billy Baroo's Bar and Grill in Tukwila, 5:30 p.m.

July

- 4 Kingston July 4th Parade
- 5-6-7 Historic Races @ Pacific Raceways

July (Cont.)

- 11 Two Lanes to Oregon @ Fred Meyers in Puyallup, 8:00 a.m. (this gets you to Explore Oregon see below)
- 11-14 Willamette Valley Miata Club Explore Oregon @ Columbia Gorge area
- 20 Poker Run sponsored by Puyallup Lions Club
- 27 Opel Club show @ Kelly's Kafe in Spanaway

August

- 10 Garage Sale run, details TBD
- 17 Great Northwest Gathering of Miatas, details TBD, 10:00 a.m.
- 24 Whidbey Island Run @ Clinton Ferry Dock, 10:00 a.m.
- 31 LeMay Car Show and Auction & Swap Meet, 9:00 a.m.

September

- 1 South Bend Road Run & Parade, 8:00 a.m.
- 6-8 Olympic Peninsula Lite, 8:00 a.m., details TBD
- 14 Bigfoot Fun Run, details and date TBD, see website
- 19 3rd Thursday Cruise-In Social @ Billy Baroo's Bar and Grill in Tukwila, 6:00 p.m.
- 28 Leavenworth Parade, details TBD

October

- 4-6 Mahogany, Merlot, and Miatas II @ Campbells' Resort in Chelan, 10:00 a.m., details TBD
- 5 Apple Press Festival in Steilacoom, 8:00 a.m.
- 12 Corn Maze Run, details TBD, 7:00 a.m.
- 17 3rd Thursday Cruise-In Social @ Billy Baroo's Bar and Grill in Tukwila, 6:00 p.m.
- 26 Halloween Festival @ Mackey's, details TBD

November

- 2 PSMC Board Meeting @ Mitzels in Fife, 11:00 a.m.
- 21 3rd Thursday Cruise-In Social @ Billy Baroo's Bar and Grill in Tukwila, 6:00 p.m.
- 23 Turkey Teaser Run, Details TBD

December

- 7 Come & Go Christmas Open House, details TBD, 2:00 p.m.

Note: Check PSMC website for latest details
http://www.pugetsoundmiataclub.org/main_page.php

2013 Woodinville Wine Adventure — (Not Just) Red Wine and Chocolate!

Saturday February 16th, 11:00 a.m.

Hosted by Tom and Cindy Millar and Paul Jaeger



this a successful event is that we begin with a full stomach! Our first stop will be, brace yourselves, the Woodinville Whiskey Company. While this is certainly not a winery, the folks at the Whiskey Company do a nice job of explaining their product, specializing in small batch handmade whiskey, rye and vodka. Not only that, the tasting here is free! Some of us may also want to meander over to Teft Cellars which is right next door. After this, we will saddle up and head over to the “warehouse” district of Woodinville Wineries. We will park at a central location in order to display our little jewels and then go forth afoot to explore and enjoy the many wineries to choose from. Most of these wineries have tasting fees and often times these fees are waived when a wine purchase is made. Some of us may also wish do some more exploring, heading over to such lovely wineries like Dusted Valley Vintners. The choice is yours and we aim to please with providing you the freedom to explore these Woodinville treasures on your on terms! See you on the 16th!

On Saturday, February 16th, get set for our excursion to the Woodinville Wineries! This popular event does not require any special driving skills. However, it does require a discerning nose, some cash and/or credit cards. Since the event sort of coincides with Valentine’s Day you husbands, wives or significant others can make up for lost ground by bringing your cherished one to the romantic world of wines, promising your valentine that you will be stocking up for the upcoming getaway you are planning! A good story anyway and who knows, it might just work and you’ll be in good graces once again! Speaking of chocolates, and I know you are, some of the wineries are featuring some superb dark chocolates with their tasting, in concert with the traditional red wines and chocolates that are a special happening this time of year in our Washington wineries. We will begin our journey at 11:00 a.m. at Panera Bread in Woodinville, 13780 Northeast 175th Street, Woodinville, WA, 425-482-7966. By the way, if you wish to have breakfast items you need to order prior to 11:00 a.m. One of the things that make

Tech Seminars Planned

Greetings, PSMC members!

Would you like to explore the levels of performance that your Miata is capable of? Would you like to discover the full potential of the most awesome sports car in the world? We thought so! In preparation for the upcoming top-down driving season, PSMC is planning on hosting a series of technical seminars presented by Bill Cooper of COOP’S MIATA, the #1 exclusive Miata service garage in Western Washington. But wait! There IS a catch – we need YOUR help! We have come up with possible seminar topics that we thought would be of interest to our membership. We need to find out if these are indeed the topics that would pique your interest.

Here are 5 suggested topics in alphabetic order that we would like you to vote on in order of preference with 5 being your favorite and 1 being your least favored:

A. _____ B. _____ C. _____ D. _____ E. _____

Please complete voting. Please don’t duplicate!

Please copy/paste above line, mark your preferences, then email to kevingpsmc@gmail.com by Feb 1, 2013. If you are receiving this through the paper Sounder, please call Kevin with your vote at 206-406-2197.

A. Safety : “SECURING THE PLATFORM”

– This seminar will cover those things that are neces-

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Other Club's Events — early news

32nd Annual Tulip Rallye

Saturday, Apr 20, 2013

Dave & Idolene Ellis, Hosts. *This is an official MGA Heritage event sponsored by the MG Car Club Northwest Centre.

The Tulip Rallye is a gimmick rallye in place of time/distance checkpoints; all can compete successfully. Bring a sharp eye &

sense of humor. Note: speed NOT recommended!

Car clubs (5-car min.) receive 1st Place finish. Non-club cars compete in "open" class. Pack a picnic to enjoy along the way or at end while scores are tabulated. Restaurants on route can be crowded.

Pre-registration closes (date tba). Entries received after XXXXX will be considered day of. Fill out form & send with \$12 USD /

\$15 CDN per car to MGCCNWC at Tulip Rallye, c/o David Ellis, 1521 Eagle Ridge Drive S., Renton, WA 98055. Day-of reg. = \$15 USD / \$18 CDN. Car number/rallye info will be issued day of Rallye. For info call David Ellis @ 425.277.1086 or day of 425.691.0444 (cell). Watch www.mgccnwc.com for updates. Overnight accommodations available first come, first serve at (TBA)

You may have wondered about the **Kelowna "Topless Sun Run" for 2012.**

We have learned informally that it WILL be May 24-25-26 and information will be posted on the host club's

web site in February: <http://okmiataclub.com> Check it early and often.

Explore Oregon 2013 scheduled for July in Columbia Gorge

We have finally completed all of the ground work for Explore Oregon 2013 -Columbia Gorge. There were some difficult moments securing locations for both the Welcome Reception and Saturday Banquet, but we have a location that is going to bend over back-

wards to make this an incredible weekend. Now that we have all the hard work completed the registration can begin, attached you will find the registration form and brief summary of what to expect in the Columbia Gorge. Registration can be completed in one of two ways this year, you can simply print the registration form and send it and your payment to the address on the form or you can do it all electroni-

cally using the on-line form and PayPal to submit your payment.

Please continue to watch the website for more info as the event gets closer, we are still figuring out wheres, whos and whats for the weekend, but I assure you it will be memorable!

See you in July!

Chris McCarty, President
Willamette Valley Miata Club

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sary to make your car safe for the application of additional power. Coop's suggests it as the most important and 1st step in modifying your vehicle. The Miata is built with uni-body construction meaning, quite simply, that it is flexible. Under high torque and extreme driving condition equalizing weight distribution and maintaining grip on the road go hand in hand. Removing flexibility and increasing footprint is of utmost importance for safe performance whether you are planning for more power or just want better control of your stock vehicle. FOCUS: Roll bars, Body stiffeners, Wheels and tires.

B. Suspension/Chassis: "TRANSFERRING POWER TO THE ROAD"

This seminar will cover those steps you can take to reduce sway and lean and put your power where it belongs and under control. If you plan on keeping your tires in contact with the road surface under diverse road and track conditions you will need to modify the suspension system and lower the center of gravity. We will look at different equipment combinations designed for serious improvement whether you plan on competing or just want to improve handling. We will look at adjustable systems that can give you

smooth comfort for long drives and convert in minutes to track ready stiffness. FOCUS: Torsion bars and mounts, Adjustable shocks, Progressive and cut springs

C. Normally aspirated improvements " MAKING GOOD BETTER"

This seminar will look at increasing horse power and improving torque using the basic normally aspirated engine. This will be a presentation of the least expensive way to create additional horsepower in your Miata: Improving the efficiency of air flow, Increasing exhaust flow, Advancing timing, Cooling the air charge, Reducing turbulence and other simple tricks to keep your engine operating at peak performance. "Best bang for your buck!" would sum it up. FOCUS: Exhaust systems, Air intakes, Finding cold air, Advancing timing, Tune up tricks

D. Abnormal aspiration "RELEASE THE KRAKEN"

We will explore both turbocharger and supercharger installations. There are a variety of improvements that can improve power BUT nothing does it as well as forced induction. Unfortunately many installations don't meet expectations creating expensive unreliable performance. We will discuss criteria for the platform

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President's Message January 2013

By Charlotte Fellers



Happy New Year, everyone! I hope it's not too late to wish you all a good start to the coming months of driving Miatas and having fun together.

Speaking of having fun together, the PSMC Board met up on January 12 to firm up the 2013 calendar and finalize plans for our upcoming 23rd Anniversary Party March 2. Take a look at the calendar "teaser" in the Sounder, and then head over to the PSMC website to read more and RSVP for some of these activities. I would like to plug one in particular. Dee Dalhke and Duncan Johnson have volunteered to host a monthly "Cruise-In" the third Thursday of each month until our summer driving season gets going. These casual get-togethers are designed to just socialize with no particular agenda. They'll start at 6 p.m. and we'll meet at Billy Baroo's Restaurant/Bar located at the Foster Golf Links in Tukwila. If you can make it, you probably will have a good time. How could you not—put a Miata driver with other Miata drivers and off you go!

Also, I want to remind you that we are having our 23rd Anniversary Party on March 2 in Tacoma. We've booked the Fabulous Fifties venue. This humble building started out as one of the first Buick dealers in the U.S. A man with some vision has transformed it into a venue for parties, wedding receptions and other gatherings. Obviously, there's plenty of parking. The inside features a 50's style soda fountain that also serves as the bar. A mix of oldies from the 50's through the 80's is provided, along with a big dance floor. Among the door prizes are a Kindle Fire, a cockpit cover for each of the three models of the Miata, and a camera for your car. Tickets are \$25 per person and the menu features either salmon or prime rib. Check out the details elsewhere in the Sounder and send in your reservation. We're looking forward to a fun evening. Clothing is business casual.

I thought it best to update you on my injury, which consumed me most of the summer. I broke my ankle in August just as the weather was turning nice for drives. Being my right ankle, I was sidelined for eight weeks. I was fortunate that the cast did its job in just eight weeks (no surgery required) and now I am almost back to normal. I met so many people who told me horror stories about their mishaps with legs, ankles, knees, and other body parts they had broken—it almost made me celebrate my injury—almost!

We have some big decisions to make as a board and as a club in the coming months. We are busy planning the upcoming Detailin' Day in May. Also, we are going to revisit the by-laws for the club. Look for some updates to our club's governing paperwork in the next Sounder. We'll likely vote on those changes at our next board meeting in April. If you are interested in being a part of the decision-making process, plan to attend the meeting in April.

One last thing: Are you interested in some "little used" snow tires for your Miata? If so, I have a woman who has a totaled Miata and would like to sell the tires for \$100 for all 4. Shoot me an email if you are interested at editorcharlotte@gmail.com and I'll put you in touch. See you at the next event!

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engine, deciding which unit to use to match your driving needs, additional considerations to control heat both on the intake and the pump unit, transferring torque to the wheels FOCUS: Super Chargers, Turbochargers, Radiators, Clutches

E. Performance Driving "TALKING TO THE EXPERTS"

– Whether you're planning to participate in auto-cross, open track days, or serious racing, do you know what to do to get ready? Are you ready? Is your Miata ready? Do you know what the rules are regarding classification and track safety. What schooling and certification is needed. We have one of the most active clubs in the country in the racing Miata world. Our experts will be able to answer your questions and save you money on classification rules regarding setup and equipment. This seminar will provide the information you need to take you and your ride up to that next level.

Fellow PSMC members, you do not want to miss out on these seminars. This is a rare opportunity to tap into the knowledge base of one of the premier Miata experts in the Pacific Northwest! Thank you for your input, and we look forward to all of your responses!

Sincerely,
Kevin Gilbert
PSMC Director at Large

Editor's Message

By Tom Mackey

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A busy Season!

I would like to wish all of our Puget Sound Miata Club friends a very Happy New Year!

The Christmas season has come and gone and it was a good one here in our new home. While we did not get all of our decorations out this year, it looked nice and festive. We decided to go with a live tree this year. It was cut fresh and was the softest nicest tree I have ever decorated and we even got it up fairly early so we had that nice fresh evergreen scent.

I thought that my two weeks off would be plenty of time to get some of the projects out of the way. Ha! The time screamed by and while I completed some, more presented themselves so it was status quo when I went back to work.

I ordered a hanging rack for the garage — the one thing this house does not have is easily accessible attic space — and got it up immediately following Christmas. At 4x8 feet it holds most of our decorations and it is working so well that I am going to order a second one, slightly smaller, to hold the rest of Christmas and also Halloween and assorted other holiday decorations.

Our Miata (Miss Daisy) is now comfortable in her own space, as is Roxy, our FX-35. Even our new garden tractor, Herbert, a John Deere 318, has his own space. Once we finally got all the boxes unpacked and broken down, all our vehicles, (and we!) are pretty happy with the results.

I spent a lot of time playing whack-a-mole with the little critters tunneling in our back yard. They are winning, at least for now. We have a doe and her yearling using our pyramidalis as their own salad bar. And a twittering flock of juncos, wrens, and chickadees are constantly scratching for seeds in the plantings. The moles have to go — the rest can stay!

In this season of giving we were pleased to be able to provide a relaxing Christmas dinner for some dear friends after she was rear-ended and had to spend a week recovering from the resultant concussion. They are always having people over so they were especially grateful to be able to be pampered for a change.

We exchanged dinners with my oldest daughter and son-in-law — the past few years either they or we were traveling so it was nice to spend some holiday time with them.

I am pleased to have the "Year at a Glance" updated per the latest information. There are some TBD's still there, so please watch future newsletters for more information. The web site is being kept up to date and should be considered the authoritative reference if you notice conflicting dates or times.

Tonight, as the freezing fog blankets the surrounding meadows with a thick layer of frost, I am grateful for the comforts and blessings and friends we have. I wish all of you well.

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If you would like to contribute an article or you took photos of an event you'd like to share, remember these guidelines:

- Send 3-5 of your best photos, not 20-30.
- Send us your j-pegs since we need to Photoshop them anyway.
- When sending news items, use one space at the end of sentences, not two. It saves space in the publication.
- Send all written materials in Arial and as attachments.
- The deadline is the 15 each month. Please observe it!

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